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In the Claims

Please amend the claims as follows. No new matter has been added.

1-7. (Cancelled)

8. (Currently Amended) A wall-mountable aquarium comprising a slim tank for containing water to keep living aquatic animals or plants, the tank including a transparent front wall, a rear wall, opposite left and right side walls and a bottom wall, with the side and bottom walls being considerably narrower than the front and rear walls, a fixed enclosure provided externally on at least one of the left and right side walls and bottom wall for containing part of an accessory for the aquarium, and a frame attached on the front wall, the frame concealing the enclosure from direct sight from the front and including a see-through portion therein to reveal only the living habitat inside the tank through the front wall. The wall-mountable aquarium as claimed in claim 1, wherein the accessory includes a filtering trough located at the top of the tank, a grate lying on the bottom wall, a water pump, and a pipe extending from the pump to reach above the trough, whereby water is deliverable by the pump from the bottom of the tank via the pipe into the trough atop for filtering and then flowing back down into the tank, the trough and the grate being concealed by the frame from direct sight from the front.

9. (Currently Amended) A wall-mountable aquarium comprising a slim tank for containing water to keep living aquatic animals or plants, the tank including a transparent front wall, a rear wall, opposite left and right side walls and a bottom wall, with the side and bottom walls being considerably narrower than the front and rear walls, a fixed enclosure provided externally on at least one of the left and right side walls and bottom wall for containing part of an accessory for the aquarium, and a frame attached on the front wall, the frame concealing the enclosure from direct sight from the front and including a see-through portion therein to reveal only the living habitat inside the tank through the front wall. The wall-mountable aquarium as claimed in claim 8, the accessory includes a filtering trough located at the top of the tank, a grate lying on the bottom wall, a water pump, and a pipe extending from the pump to reach above the

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trough, whereby water is deliverable by the pump from the bottom of the tank via the pipe into the trough atop for filtering and then flowing back down into the tank, the trough and the grate being concealed by the frame from direct sight from the front, wherein the pump is provided inside the tank and adjacent the grate such that it is also concealed by the frame from direct sight from the front, and the pipe extends along a corner of the tank upwardly out of the water to reach above the trough.

10. (Currently Amended) A wall-mountable aquarium comprising a slim tank for containing water to keep living aquatic animals or plants, the tank including a transparent front wall, a rear wall, opposite left and right side walls and a bottom wall, with the side and bottom walls being considerably narrower than the front and rear walls, a fixed enclosure provided externally on at least one of the left and right side walls and bottom wall for containing part of an accessory for the aquarium, and a frame attached on the front wall, the frame concealing the enclosure from direct sight from the front and including a see-through portion therein to reveal only the living habitat inside the tank through the front wall. The wall-mountable aquarium as claimed in claim 8, the accessory includes a filtering trough located at the top of the tank, a grate lying on the bottom wall, a water pump, and a pipe extending from the pump to reach above the trough, whereby water is deliverable by the pump from the bottom of the tank via the pipe into the trough atop for filtering and then flowing back down into the tank, the trough and the grate being concealed by the frame from direct sight from the front, wherein the trough has a bottom wall having small drain holes, and includes a lateral exit to allow overflow of water back into the tank.

11. (Cancelled)

12. (Currently Amended) The wall-mountable aquarium as claimed in claim 18, wherein the accessory includes a background sheet fixed inside the tank close to and covering the rear wall.

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13. (Original) The wall-mountable aquarium as claimed in claim 12, wherein the background sheet extends also close to and covering the left and right side walls, turning smoothly round the corners between the walls.

14. (New) A wall-mountable aquarium comprising a slim tank for containing water to keep living aquatic animals or plants, the tank including a transparent front wall, a rear wall, opposite left and right side walls and a bottom wall, with the side and bottom walls being considerably narrower than the front and rear walls, a fixed enclosure provided externally on at least one of the left and right side walls and bottom wall for containing part of an accessory for the aquarium, and a frame attached on the front wall, the frame concealing the enclosure from direct sight from the front and including a see-through portion therein to reveal only the living habitat inside the tank through the front wall, wherein the accessory includes a background sheet fixed inside the tank close to and covering the rear wall and the background sheet extends close to and covering the left and right side walls, turning smoothly round the corners between the walls.